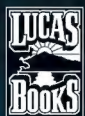




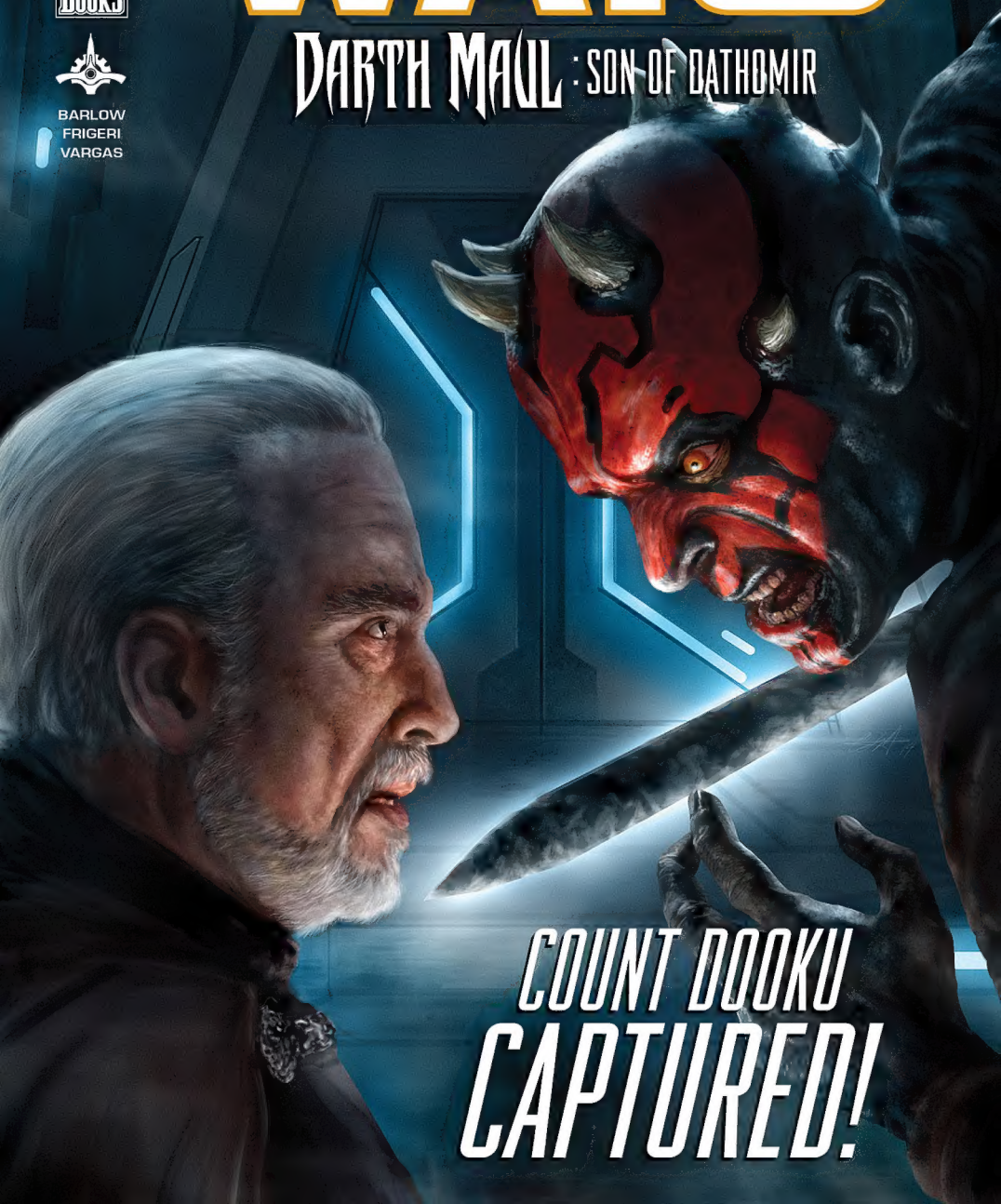
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*COUNT DOOKU
CAPTURED!*

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PART THREE

Duel of the dark side! Suspecting that Mother Talzin had come out of hiding to aid her son Darth Maul, Count Dooku and General Grievous unleashed a full-scale assault against Maul's criminal syndicate on Ord Mantell.

Anticipating the attack, Talzin sent Maul a detachment of Nightbrothers, elite warriors from Dathomir, and devised a plan which ended in the capture of both Dooku and Grievous.

Now having won a major victory against his enemies, Maul advances his plan for the final destruction of his former master, Darth Sidious . . .

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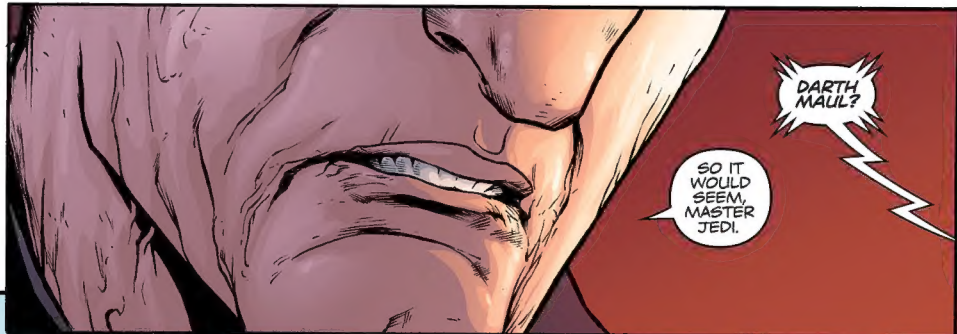
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DARTH MAUL?

SO IT WOULD SEEM, MASTER JEDI.



THE CITIZENS WHO SURVIVED THE BLITZ ON ORD MANTELL IDENTIFIED COUNT DOOKU LEADING THE CHARGE AGAINST A RED-SKINNED FORCE WIELDER OF SOME TYPE.



COULD THIS BE THE "ROGUE SITH" YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR?



IF HE IS, AND IF HE AND DOOKU ARE FIGHTING AGAINST EACH OTHER...

...PERHAPS THE REPUBLIC CAN USE THIS INTEL TO CAPTURE THEM BOTH AND FINALLY END THIS WAR.



BY ALL MEANS -- DO WHATEVER IT TAKES. WHATEVER RESOURCES YOU REQUIRE --

"--BRING THESE VILLAINS TO JUSTICE BEFORE THEY INFLICT ANY MORE HARM ON THE GALAXY!"

ORD MANTELL CITY.

THIS JUST GOT MORE INTERESTING.

BLIP!

WHAT DO WE KNOW, MASTER KENOBI?

IT'S CLEAR THE SEPARATIST DROID ARMY BATTLED AGAINST A MASSIVE FORCE HERE, BUT EXACTLY WHAT THAT FORCE WAS REMAINS ELUSIVE.

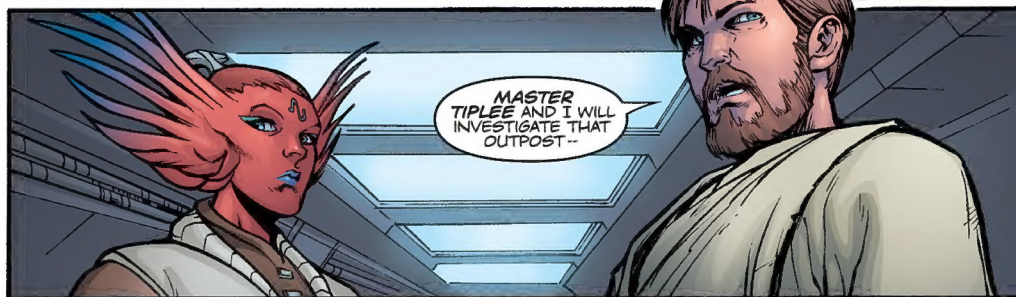
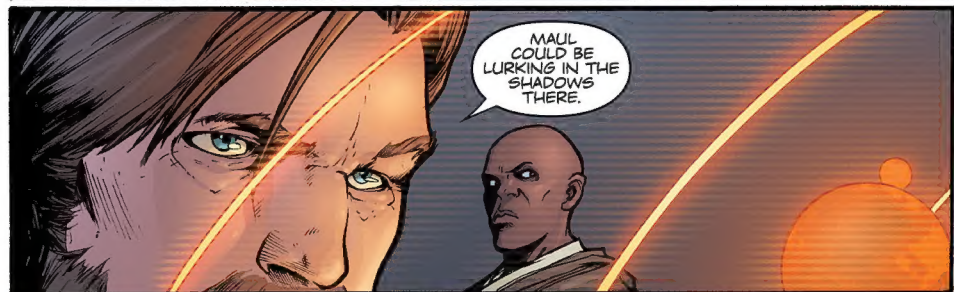
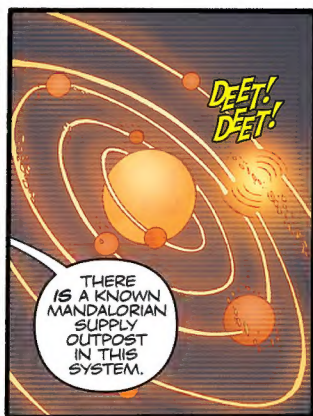
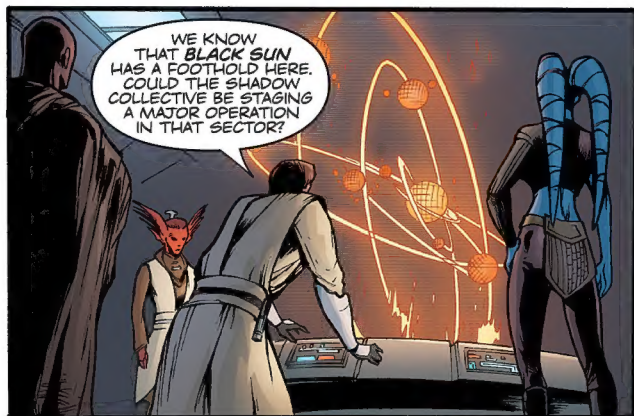
IT'S AS IF THE OPPOSING SOLDIERS TOOK CARE TO COLLECT ALL TRACE OF THEIR PRESENCE ON THEIR WAY OUT.

NOT ALL, TIPLEE.

COMMANDER WOLFFE AND HIS MEN UNCOVERED THIS JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS.

MANDALORIANS?

THIS CONFIRMS OUR INTEL FROM THE MANDALORE RESISTANCE THAT THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ALMEC AND THE UNDERWORLD IS STILL INTACT.



"--AND SEE WHAT COMES SCURRYING OUT WHEN WE SHINE A LIGHT ON IT!"

LORD TYRANUS -- YOU DISAPPOINT ME.

NOW YOU SEE THEIR FAILURE -- AND YET YOU COULD NOT FORESEE THE TRAP I LAID FOR THEM.

YOUR SCHEMES ARE UNRAVELING, *SIDIOUS*. WITHOUT YOUR GENERALS, YOUR ARMIES WILL BE CRUSHED -- AS WILL YOUR "PLANS."

THAT ONLY PROVES THEIR WEAKNESS, NOT MY OWN. WHAT ARE YOUR DEMANDS?

NOT MY DEMANDS -- MOTHER TALZIN'S.

YES -- YOU REMEMBER THE MOTHER!

SHE WAS YOUR ALLY, BUT YOU USED HER AS YOU USED ME BEFORE THROWING US BOTH AWAY. AS YOU WILL THESE TWO.

KILL THEM. I HAVE NO MORE USE FOR EITHER ONE OF THEM.



"...I LOOK FORWARD TO
OUR NEXT ENCOUNTER."

I SENSE
YOUR TURMOIL,
OBI-WAN.

MY LAST
ENCOUNTER WITH
MAUL DIDN'T GO
SO WELL.

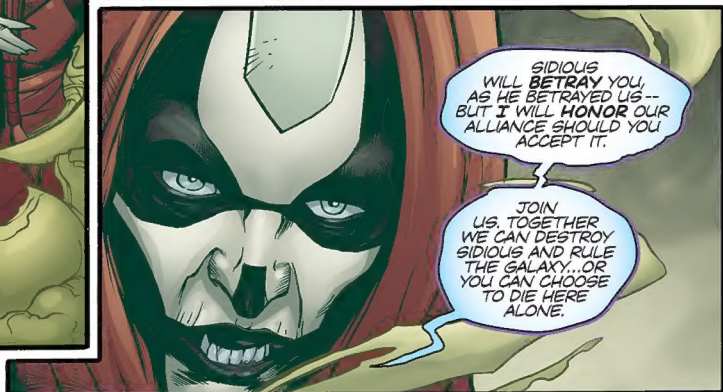
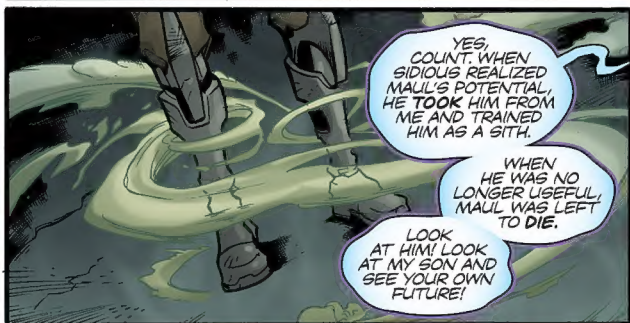
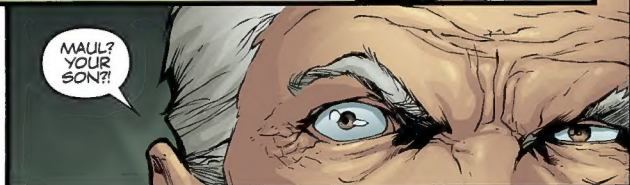
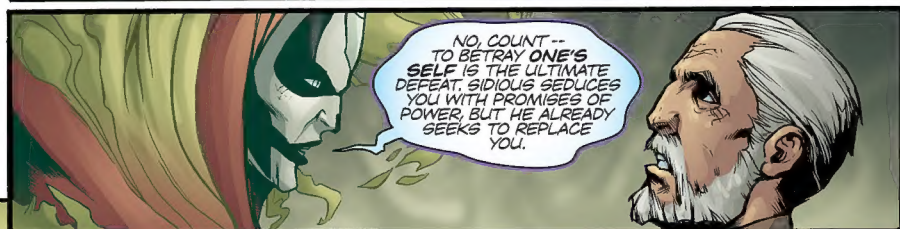
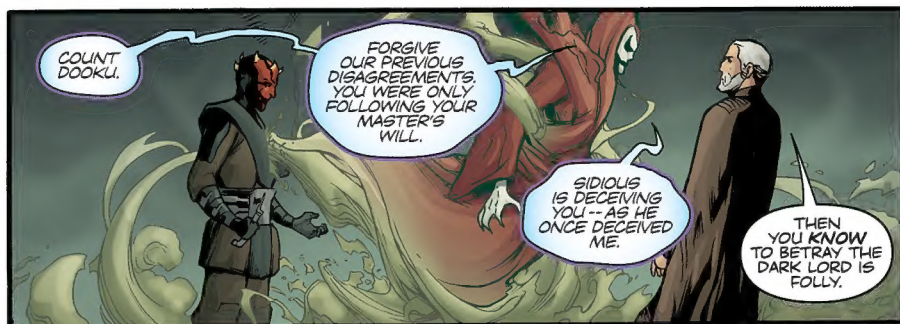
HE
MURDERED
THE DUCHESS
SATINE.
SOMEONE YOU
CARED FOR
DEEPLY.

MY
EMOTIONS
ARE UNDER
CONTROL,
MASTER
TIPLEE.

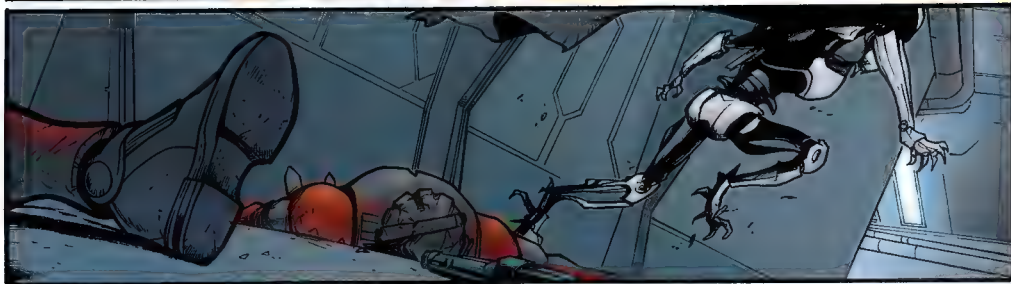
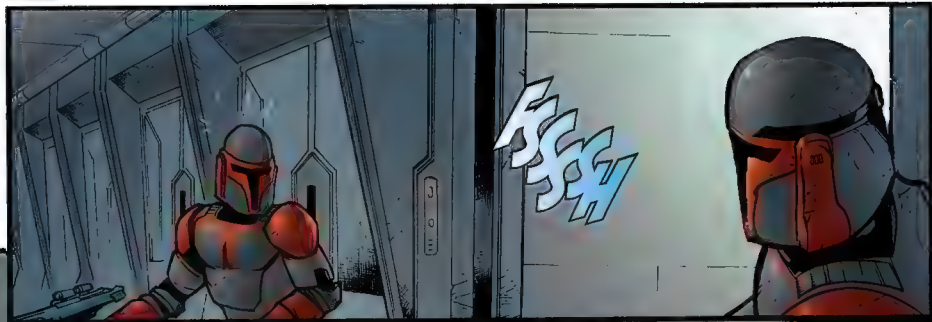
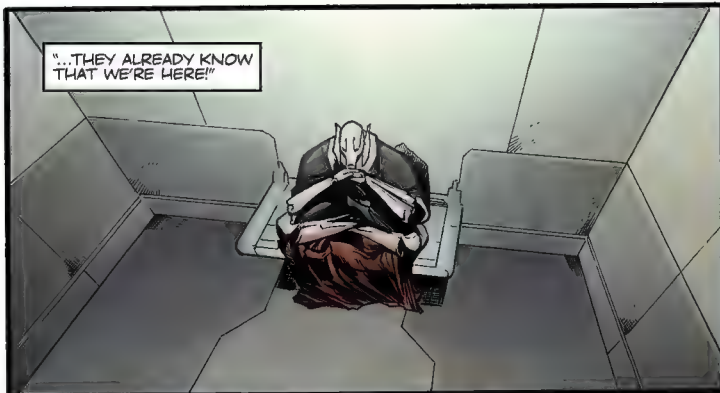
I WILL
NOT FAIL
YOU OR THIS
MISSION.

GENERAL
KENOBI--PROBES
ARE LAUNCHED AND
GUNSHIPS ARE READY
TO SCRAMBLE ON
YOUR ORDER...





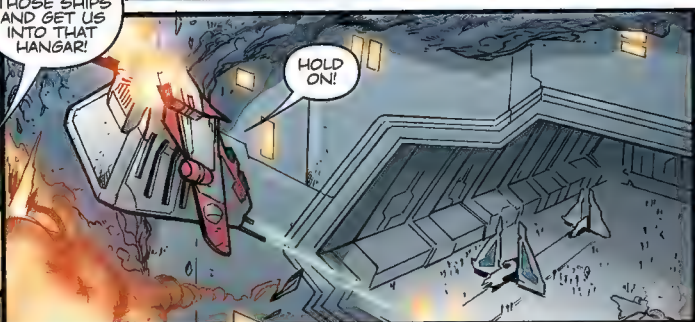




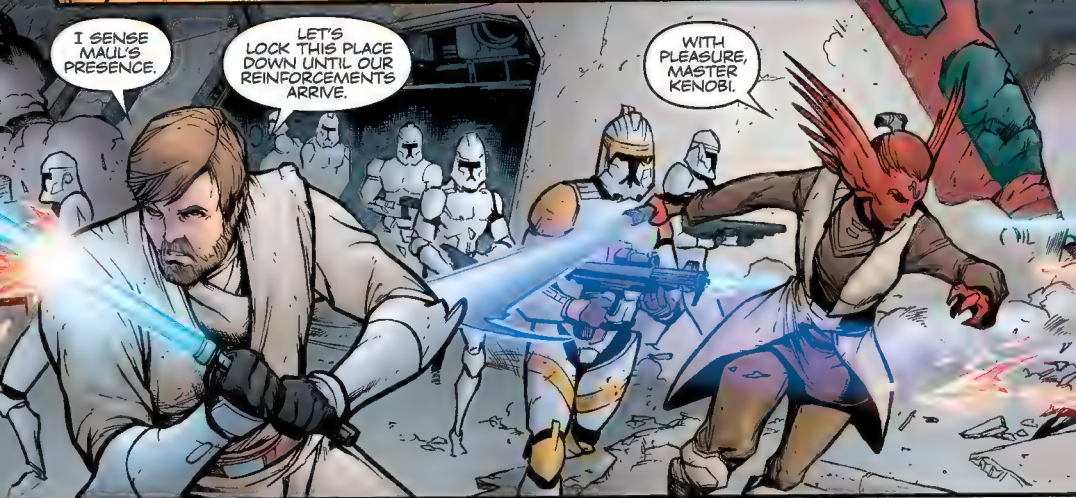




PUNCH
THROUGH
THOSE SHIPS
AND GET US
INTO THAT
HANGAR!



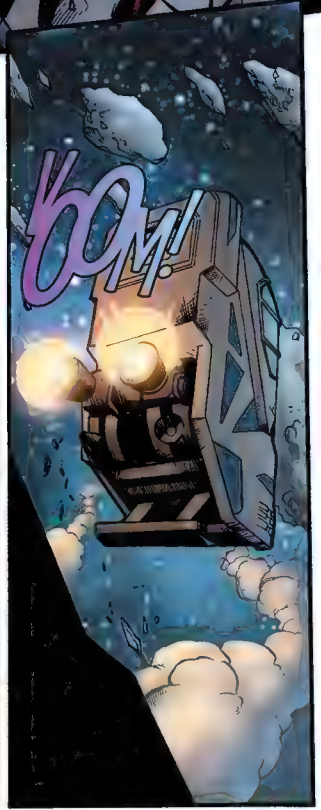
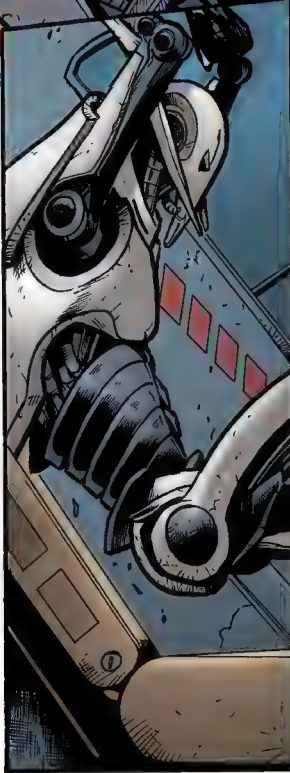
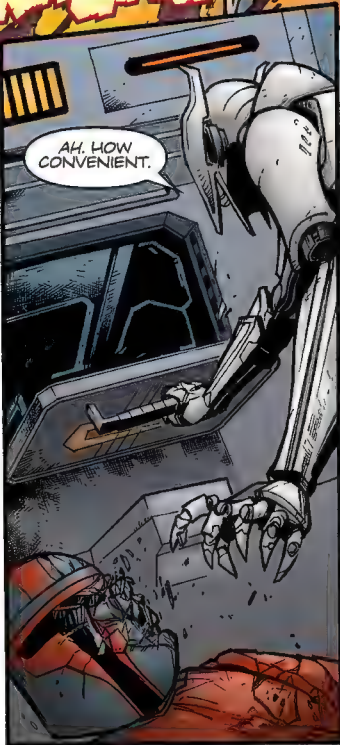
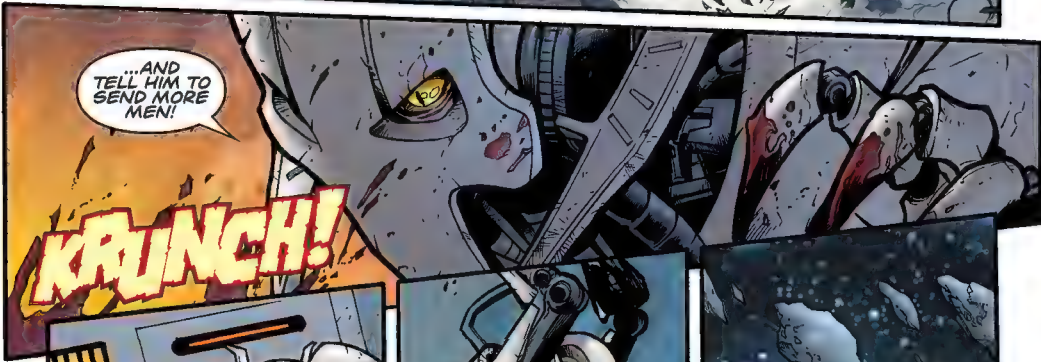
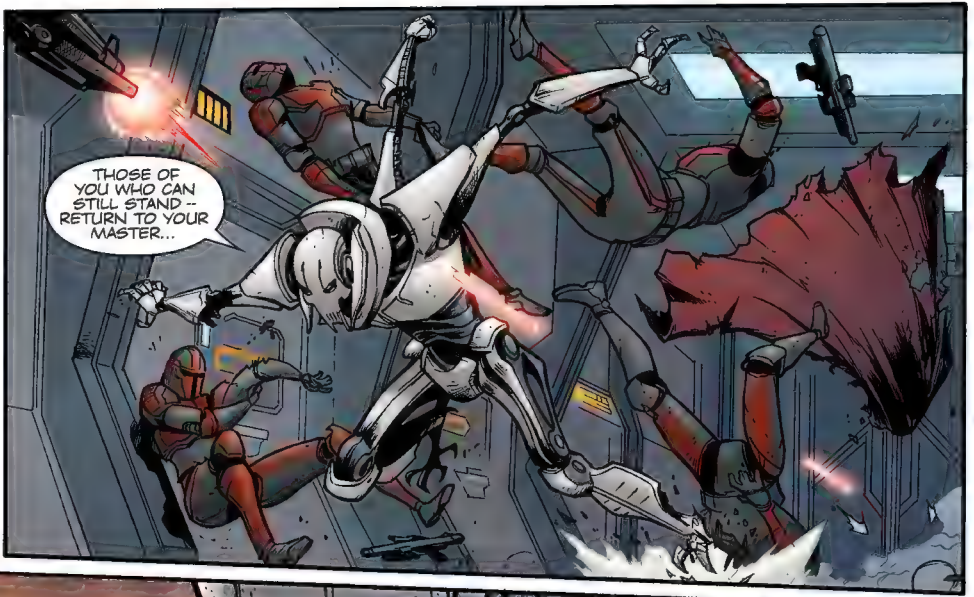
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ON!

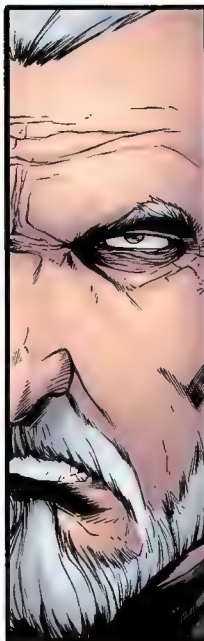


I SENSE
MAUL'S
PRESENCE.

LET'S
LOCK THIS PLACE
DOWN UNTIL OUR
REINFORCEMENTS
ARRIVE.

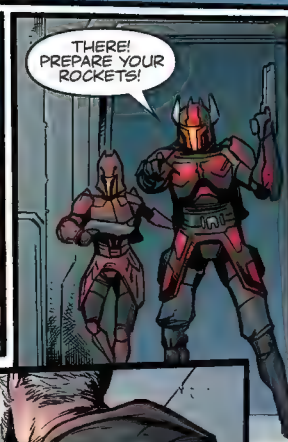
WITH
PLEASURE,
MASTER
KENobi.

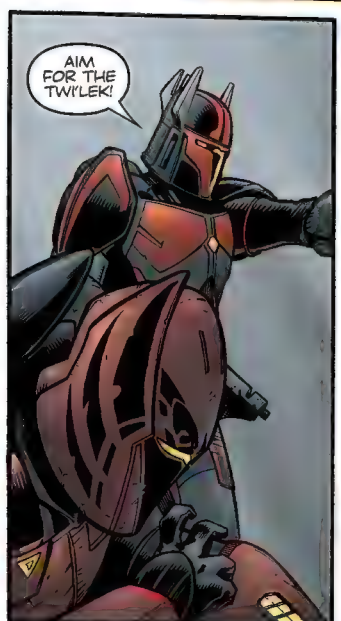


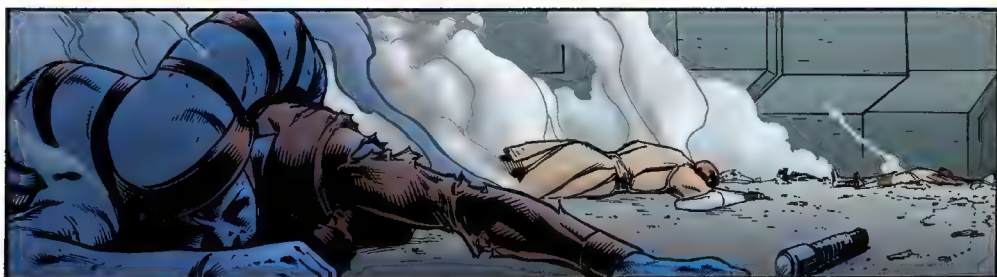
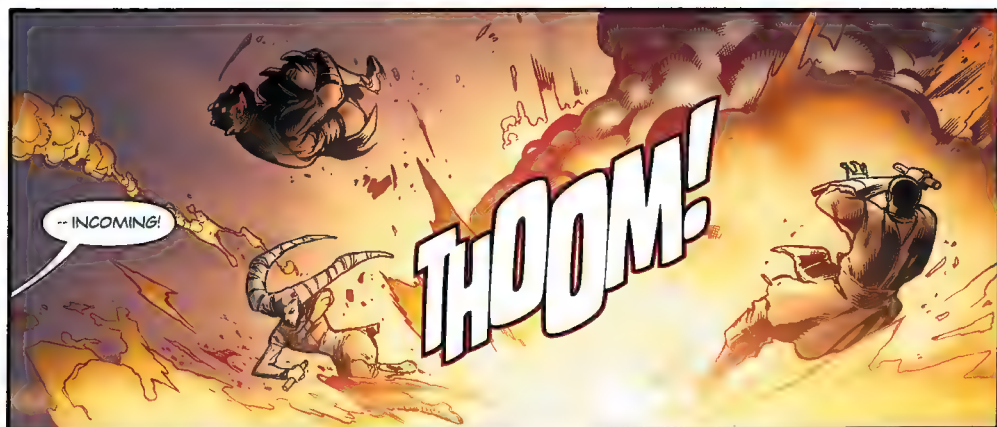




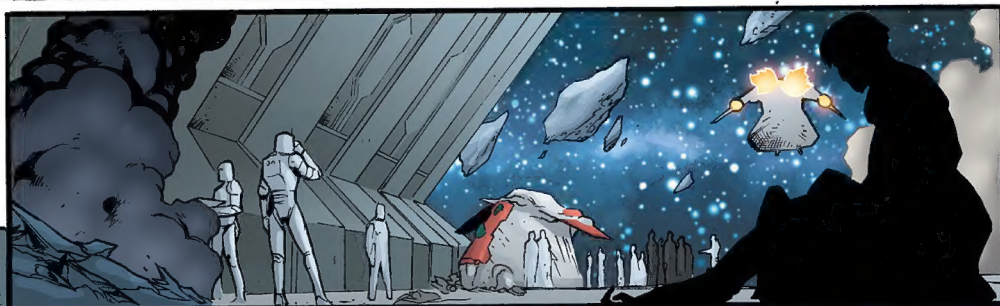














IT
PAINS ME TO
HEAR OF THIS
TRAGEDY.

IT
APPEARS THAT
COUNT DOOKU AND
DARTH MAUL ARE
ALLIES NOW, WHICH
COULD SOLVE A
LONG-STANDING
MYSTERY...

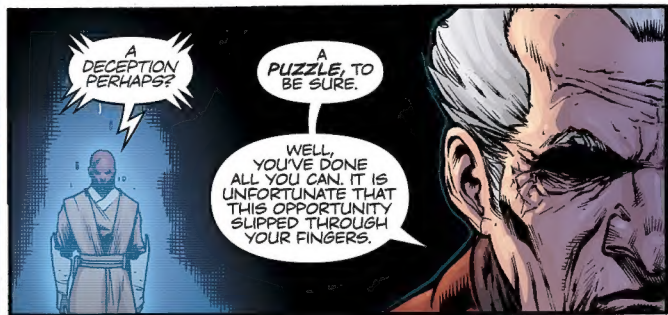


...WHICH IS THAT DOOKU
IS THE SITH MASTER WE
HAVE BEEN SEEKING ALL
ALONG, AND MAUL IS THE
APPRENTICE.



FASCINATING.

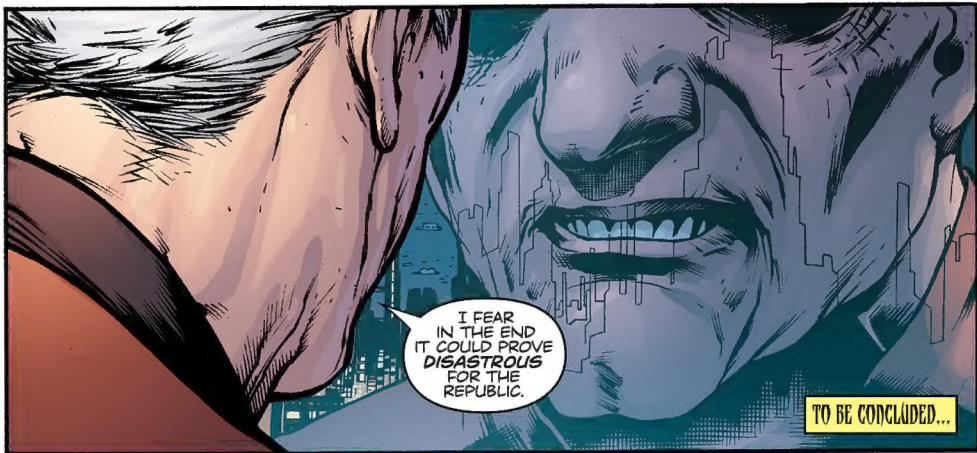
STILL,
IS THERE NO
EXPLANATION FOR
THE BATTLE ON ORD
MAHELL? HOW CAN
THEY BE ENEMIES
ONE MOMENT AND
ALLIES THE
NEXT?



A
DECEPTION
PERHAPS?

A
PUZZLE, TO
BE SURE.

WELL,
YOU'VE DONE
ALL YOU CAN. IT IS
UNFORTUNATE THAT
THIS OPPORTUNITY
SLIPPED THROUGH
YOUR FINGERS.



I FEAR
IN THE END
IT COULD PROVE
DISASTROUS
FOR THE
REPUBLIC.

TO BE CONCLUDED...

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I expected great things from *Darth Maul: Son of Dathomir* #1, and Dark Horse delivered a knockout. From Chris Scalf's awesome cover through to the final pages, this action-packed issue brought the goods. While not following the style of *The Clone Wars*, the art was fantastic. Some of the battle scenes on Zanbar between the Shadow Collective and the Separatists were so vivid I could almost hear the buzz of the Magnaguards' staffs. I also don't think I've seen Count Dooku or General Grievous looking more menacing than they do here, as done by Frigeri, Vargas, and Dzioba.

Jeremy Barlow has a challenging job here: transforming the television series screenplay [by *Aida Mashaka Croal*, which we forgot to mention on the credits page!] into a comic-book format, and it must be heartbreaking to

have to cut some material in order to fit the pace and pages. He's done some great work here, setting up the plot while keeping Maul in action.

Overall, a top-notch start to what promises to be an epic story! If this ends up being the last of Dark Horse's *Star Wars* stories, at least it means that things are ending on top, with us wanting more!

James Floyd
San Diego, California

Any time you adapt film to comics, you have to cut a lot. A complicated action which may take only a second of screen time might require two or more panels to depict in comics—and then you've used up that much space on a page, which means there's less space for what remains. It's a tough job. I gave it to Jeremy Barlow because I knew he could handle it.

We're winding down the Star Wars machine here, readers. Only one more issue to go!

Randy Stradley
editor

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